



## Children, Youth, & Family Ministry and Christian Education Networks in the Twin Cities Area

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### **MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD**

#### **Bloomington Youth Workers Network**

An ecumenical network for youth workers in the Bloomington area for support and to plan youth events. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at noon. Contact Pastor Stephanie Coltvet Erdman at Transfiguration Lutheran, Bloomington for more information (952-884-2364 or [scoltvet@tlcmn.com](mailto:scoltvet@tlcmn.com)).

#### **MAYHEM—Maple Grove Area Youth Ministries**

An ecumenical group of youth workers meets for support and to plan events on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Angeno's on Elm Creek Blvd in Maple Grove. Contact Todd Buegler at Lord of Life, Maple Grove for more info (763-420-5015 or [todd@lordoflife.org](mailto:todd@lordoflife.org)).

#### **Western Suburbs Network**

Youth ministry leaders from ELCA congregations in the western suburbs meet every other Thursday for study, prayer, and conversation. Current meeting place and time: The Depot in Hopkins, 9:00 – 11:15 a.m. (Lunch afterwards for those interested and able.) Contact Amanda Weitzel at Lutheran Church of St Philip the Deacon for more details (952-475-7100 or [aweitzel@spdlc.org](mailto:aweitzel@spdlc.org)).

### **SAINT PAUL AREA SYNOD**

#### **CROSSOVER - South St. Paul, West St. Paul, and Inver Grove Heights**

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 10:30 a.m. at Black Sheep Coffee Café on Southview Boulevard in South Saint Paul. Contact Don Marsh at Augustana Lutheran Church for more information and location ([dmarsh@augustana.com](mailto:dmarsh@augustana.com) or 651-457-3373).

#### **St. Croix Valley Youth Ministry Association (SCVYMA)**

SCVYMA is an ecumenical youth ministry network in the Saint Croix Valley area. Contact Pastor Karen at Bethlehem Lutheran for more information (651-439-3450 or [angel@bethlehemstar.org](mailto:angel@bethlehemstar.org)).

#### **Teen's East Ecumenical Network (T.E.E.N.)**

Shared ministry events and networking on the Eastside of St. Paul. Contact Sara Bertini 651-255-6996 or [saracherbst@hotmail.com](mailto:saracherbst@hotmail.com) for more information.

#### **White Bear Lake**

Ecumenical youth ministry network for White Bear Lake and surrounding areas; hosted by White Bear Lutheran Church. Contact Perry Peterson for more information ([ppetersen@flcwb.org](mailto:ppetersen@flcwb.org)).

#### **Woodbury Youth Workers' Network (WYN)**

Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. The location is announced prior to each meeting. Contact Matt Swigart, Youth Pastor at New Life Church of Woodbury for more information or to sign up for reminder emails: [MattSwigart@newlife4u.org](mailto:MattSwigart@newlife4u.org) or 651-757-4169.

#### **United Student Ministries of Forest Lake**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 9–10:30 a.m. Location varies. Group does a joint mission trip yearly and hosts quarterly events. Contact Chrissy Relay for more information: 651-464-7504 or [chrissy@immanuelonline.net](mailto:chrissy@immanuelonline.net).

## **YOWSA**

Northern Conference Lutheran Youth ministry network meeting times vary. Contact Joe Rand (Chisago Lake Lutheran, Center City) at [clcyouth@citlink.org](mailto:clcyouth@citlink.org) or 651-257-6300 or Linda Rambow (Trinity Lutheran Lindstrom) at [lindatlc@frontiernet.net](mailto:lindatlc@frontiernet.net) for more information.

## **SPAS Children's Ministry Networks:**

### **Northern Conference Children's Ministry Network**

Meets the 1st Monday of every month at 7 p.m., rotates locations. Contact Christy Olson at 651-674-5796 or [Olson.christy@gmail.com](mailto:Olson.christy@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Central St. Paul Area Children's Ministry Network**

Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran (on Snelling) in St. Paul in January, April, July, and October. Contact Cassie Nault at [cassie@pilgrimstpaul.org](mailto:cassie@pilgrimstpaul.org) or Deb Ahlquist at [ahlquist.mundt@gmail.com](mailto:ahlquist.mundt@gmail.com) or 651-646-2195 for more information.

### **Southern Conference Children's Ministry Network**

Contact Maria Tarpinian 651-463-4100 for more information about meeting times.

## **METRO-WIDE NETWORKS**

### **Christian Education Roundtable**

Christian educators from across the metro area are welcome. Meetings are held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove. Lunch is provided, with a suggested \$5 donation. Contact Diane Marx at 763-420-5015 x 106 for more information.

### **LACE (Lutheran Association of Christian Educators)**

Two Rivers Chapter of LACE has recently been formed in the Twin Cities area, and will meet at various locations on the first Thursday of each month. LACE is committed to creating a community for energizing and inspiring ELCA Christian educators through idea-sharing and support, resources, educational opportunities and nurturing spiritual growth. Contact chapter coordinator, Diane Shallue, for more information: 612-331-5988 or [dianes@ulch.org](mailto:dianes@ulch.org).

### **Twin Cities Urban Youth Ministry Network**

Urban youth workers and pastors meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9-10:15 a.m. in the Luther Seminary Cafeteria. This Network focuses on collaborative ministries and action items relative to ministry with youth in the urban setting. Anyone who is an urban youth minister or has a heart for urban youth ministry is invited to participate. For more information contact Lonna Field at [tcuymc@gmail.com](mailto:tcuymc@gmail.com).

**(If you are part of a children's or youth ministry network that is not listed, please contact the synod office so it can be included in the future.)**